

Saturday - September 30, 1978

We arose early -- the day was cloudy and wet. We finished packing with an air of excitement thinking about a new experience ahead. After breakfast, we said our goodbyes and thank-you's to the two young men waiters and our pleasant and gracious hostess, Susanne Schmidt, the owner of the Chalet Swiss, the former home of Jacob Ritchard, District Governor. This man defended our great grandfather and relatives who were being persecuted by the Pastor at Gsteig near Interlaken. The Pastor had taken his grievance to the Government authorities in Berne, Switzerland. They, in turn, requested the District Governor, J. Ritchard, to investigate and make a report. His report was favorable of these some twenty members of a Mormon Branch and they were allowed to remain in their homeland. (See printed article in the Oberlaendisches Volksblatt Fri/Sat, Sept. 29/30, 1978, page 4, Interlaken, Switzerland.)

The men helped load the luggage on the motor coach. Paul introduced us to the new chauffeur and tour guide, Anthony (Tony). He would be with us until we returned to Zurich. It was 8:15 a.m. as we left Interlaken for the last time. We waved goodbye to the Von Allmons. (He taught the Sunday School class we attended in the Interlaken Branch.) We passed through Brienz once again and saw the beautiful Brienzsee. The country has waterfalls cascading from the tops of high mountains. We were traveling through dense fog. As we arrived at Brunig, the fog lifted. In this village, there was an Amphitheater and a wrestling arena. Wrestling is very popular in Switzerland. We traveled past the man-made Lake Lunnen. It is like our reservoirs. Now we were enjoying some beautiful canyon scenery, forests and lakes. We saw black and white sheep grazing in a meadow at Lowen Village, past the Lake of Sarnen, the village of Griswil and the Lake Lucerne. Large abutments were built along the road to prevent earth slides. We drove through Schanatatt Village on our way to Lucerne, which begins at the shore of Lake